TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Widow of Ex-Negro Senator.

Mrs. B. K. Bruce, the widow of the only colored man who served a full term in the senate, is now head of the woman's department of the Tuskegee institute in Alabama.

Poet Was a Presidential Elector. John G. Whittier, the poet, of Massachusetts, was one presidential elector who voted for Abraham Lincoln both in 1860 and 1864. Robert P. King, of Pennsylvania, was another.

Will Not Have to Import Any. Mark Twain states that he found some 64 different religious sects in South Australia. Being fairly well supplied ourselves, we shall not have to import any of these Australian

Never Forgets Her Importance The German kaiser says of his fa-vorite eight-year-old daughter, Victoria: "In talking to me she is apt to forget that I am the emperor, but she never forgets she is the emperor's

daughter."

Starting Him Out Right.
Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, is a strict believer in temperance in regard to alcoholic liquors, and has ought her future husband, Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, around to her point of view.

Will They Be More Wonderful?

Oh, yes, a great many things are to happen during the new century, but will they be more wonder-ful than what has kappened during the old one? If so, what a wondrous world this will be in the year 2000!

When the horses behind which ex President Kruger was riding at The Hague started to run away, Oom Paul reprimanded his secretary for jumping out of the carriage instead of trusting in God, though it was noted that Mr. Kruger supplemented his own faith in Providence by keep ing a firm hold on the reins.

ads \$20,000,000 Out of Newspapers.

Alfred Harmsworth is the owner of 30 English periodicals in addition to the London Daily Mail. He began as office boy on Tid-Bits 20 years ago. In seven years he had saved \$7,000, and with that sum started his first weekly. He was joined by his brothers; and one by one he has added to his publications until their combined circulation has reached 15,000,000 copies a week. Mr. Harmsworth is 34 years old, and in 20 years has made \$20,000,-000 out of his publications.

Young, Men for Judges.

In choosing federal judges President McKinley has shown an unwilling ness to appoint men who have passed the age of 50, and has even expressed a preference for men under 40 when er available ones can be found. He thinks the judges on the federal bench should be men in the prime of life when appointed, so as to insure physical as well as mental strength for the duties of the office and to allow a reasonable number of years of active service before retirement.

The New Pacific Power.

With the first day of the new century the federation of all the Austracolonies was formally completed by the swearing-in of the earl of Hopetoun as the first governor general of the Australian commonwealth. The peaceful organizing of what might may be called the United States of Australia has attracted little attenion in he outside world, but there is every reason to believe that long before the close of 1901 it will be one of the great powers of the world.

A Military Lesson

According to an official return in South Africa there still is available for duty a British force of 210,293 men, of whom 142,893 are regulars. The entire force of Boers under arms at this time can hardly exceed 15,000. The Boers are giving a remarkable example of the military power of few thousand men accustomed to arms, horsemanship and a hardy outlife. Appreciation of markmanship went up during our war with Spain, and the Boers have sent it still higher.

The Division of Florida. The old project of the annexation of western Florida to Alabama, which been agitated in a desultory way for the last 20 years, is again revived and is fast becoming a political is-sue. The western Floridians, who feel that their interests are being sacrificed to the development of east-ern Florida, are eager for the change, and members of the legislature are elected upon that issue. They want to wipe out the present boundary and give Alabama a clear coast from Pensacola to the Apalachicola.

The old sorghum sugar factory in Fort Scott, which was established by the government several years ago as an experiment station for the manufacture of sugar from sorghum, will be operated this year on an im-mense scale as a sirup factory for the manufacture of sirups for mixing purposes. Sorghum cane grows quite as well as kaffir corn, or perhaps better, in dry climate. The sirup is used in the mixing of glucose and it can be produced at a cost that is sure to make it a factor in the glucose and sirup-making trade.

Intended to End Fusion

The senate, by a strict party vote, passed the Pestana election bill, which s intended to strike a deadly blow at fusion. It prohibits the printing of any name on an official ballot in more than one place. It also prevents the use of a hyphenated name for a party. In case a person wants to vote the straight ticket, he can do so by making one mark in a circle at the top of that ticket. Party emblems are authorized and shall be printed at the top of each ticket on the ballot. It is said the house will pass the bill.

Liquors Were Publicly Destroyed. E. J. Eicholtz, one of Hiawatha's druggists, made public his determination to destroy all the liquor in his store, and from this time on will sell no liquors whatever. The liquors were publicly destroyed in the presence of the evangelists and a great crowd of people were invited to witness the event. Mr. Eicholtz has concluded since hearing the revival evangelists that to sell liquor for any purpose is

wrong. Thinks It Charged Too Much. Senator McMillan introduced a bill to reduce the appropriation to the Santa Fe railroad for hauling the Twentieth Kansas boys from San Francisco to Topeka in 1899 from \$41, 335 to \$30,452. McMillan claims that the company has made an overcharge of \$10,175 on transporation and \$708.32 on interest. He takes the position that the rate of \$37.50 made by the company for each man was too high.

Strong Grounds for Divorce After living with her husband 30 years Mrs. T. N. Bledsoe, of Wichita, has sued for divorce. Her petition recites that he has become a "fisher of fish" and wanders away along the streams for days at a time without a thought of returning home until he becomes so hungry that he is com

pelled to return.

Negro Baptists at War. Some time ago a factional feeling broke out in the negro Baptist church at Osage City and several members pulled out of the church and started to build a new edifice. This did not suit the other members and the other day they went to the new structure with axes and hatchets and demolished the building.

Consider the Old Soldiers. Sedgwick county teachers passed resolutions requesting that old soldiers be given more consideration in the next history of Kansas. The resolutions say that the old soldiers in Kansas have for a long time been dis-satisfied with the slight mention of the civil war which the histories have

A Hint to Harper Jointists.

A committee of the leading ladies of Harper visited the joints and in-sisted that they be closed at once. It is expected that Mrs. Nation's tactics will be resorted to if the request of the women is not granted.

A Bride Killed by Her Father. Mrs. W. H. Mortimer, near Gypsum City, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun in the hands of her father, H. W. Shaw. The young woman was only 16 years of age and had recently been married.

Remarkable Family of Brothers. Judge M. B. Nicholson, of Council Grove, received word of the death of his father in Nova Scotia. He had

reached the age of 101 years, and three of his brothers had passed the century mark.

Kansas Town Has Second Fire. Everest, Brown county, had a \$15,-000 fire the other night, the second within a year. The heavy losers are M. A. Malinawsky, Kopietz & Lidnecky Everest bank, and Neff's bar-

School Named for Ingalls. The new schoolhouse just completed at Wichita will be named after John J. Ingalls. It is probably the

first school in Kansas named in honor

of the man who invented the motto State Insurance Scheme Patis Representative Green's bill for the state to issue insurance on farm and city property and collect the pre-miums in taxes was turned down by

the house assessment and taxation

Mrs. Lesse Has a Claim.

Mrs. Mary E. Lesse will ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$795.50 to reimburse her for the expenditures which she was compelled to make during her fight to resist removal from the state board of charities by ex-Gov. Lewelling.

Crime to Abandon Wife and Child. ing it a misdemeanor for a man to abandon his wife or child. The punishment is a fine of from \$25 to \$500, or imprisonment from 30 days to six months, or both. Senator Allen introduced a bill mak-

KANSAS NEWS OF RECENT DATE.

James Jordan, the richest man in Cowley county, died last week, leaving property worth \$300,000 to a childless wife whom he married in 1890. Jordan was born in England in 1840 and was left an orphan at eight years of age. Since that time the world has been aganst James Jordan and he against the world, neither giving nor asking quarter. Although uneducated he was shrewd and soon laid the foundation of a fortune. He came to Winfield about 30 years ago.

Dr. Giles Davis is under arrest at Wichita on the charge of having performed the operation upon Miss Pearl Doney, who died there suddenly. Mrs. L. A. Plymouth, the nurse employed in the case and Charles Crouse, the dead girl's alleged affianced husband, were also arrested charged with being accessory to the fact.

The republican members of congress from Kansas are urging that Gen. Fred Funston be appointed a brigadier general in the regular army. A war department official is quoted as saying that, under the new army bill, Funston can only be appointed to a lieutenancy, a position the Kansan would not accept.

Fight on George W. Martin.

When the bill to raise the salary of George W. Martin, secretary of the state historical society, from \$1,500 to \$1,800 came before the Representative Butler raised the issue that Martin was the worst enemy organized labor had in the state, Butler's motion to strike out the \$300 prevailed, 44 to 40.

To End a Family Snap.

Representative Seaton presented a bill to dissolve a school district in Scott county. There is only one family in the district and the mother acts as teacher and instructs her three children in her own home. One railroad company has paid \$1,400 taxes to support that school during the past two

Killed Her by Pleces The obituary of the 17-year-old Pottawatomie Indian bride who was killed by her husband near Holton gives her name as Wahbwalk. On one occasion before the assault which caused her death one of her eyes was put out by her husband, and on another he broke her arm.

Must Pay Duty on Wheat.

Kansas farmers who desire to experiment with Russian seed wheat will have to pay the tariff or let the dynamos; ten of them, standing in foreigners do it. Chairman Payne, of regiment down the long wide room; the house ways and means committee, will not consent to knocking off the duty, as he says it would set a bad regiment down the long wide from, maybe the biggest dynamos in the world, as this is undoubtedly the largest est electric station—for they represent the control of the

They All Ride on Passes.

The mileage for members of the house, as finally agreed to, is \$8,400. senate's mileage account will amount to \$3,000 or over. All of the members ride on passes, so their mile-age is simply "velvet."

Garver Declines the Place.

T. F. Garver, of Topeka, has de clined the presidency of the State Temperance union, to which he lately was elected. The executive commit tee will have to elect some one for president.

Had His Eye Removed.

when a thorn pricked the pupil of this remarkable enterprise, and no electric station incapable of producing curpain was so great he had the eye re-

Johnson Re-Elected Secretary.

Lee Johnson was re-elected secre tary of the Kansas society of Labor and Industry. B. P. Scott was chosen assistant secretary. Francis Keegan was re-elected state mine inspector.

cher Charged with Grog Selling. J. H. Bosserman, postmaster at Clinton, Douglas county, and a local preacher, is under arrest charge

with selling whisky contrary to law Few Unconverted in Hiswatha. The big revival at Hiawatha close with a record of 640 converts. There was not so much as a shout during

the entire four weeks' service. Military Strength of Kansas Kansas' militia consists of general and staff officers, 7; light battery, 87; infantry, 1,210; total, 1,304; and an available strength of 100,000.

Gift for Kansas University Mu A young boa constrictor has been sent to the museum of Kansas university from Hays City, where it was found in a bunch of bananas.

Profs. J. D. Harper and A. Hitche have resigned from the faculty of the state agricultural college, owing to differences with President Nichols.

Mrs. Sheriff, who smashed a saloon at Danville, has been sued for damages by Frank Osborne, owner of the building. Mrs. Sheriff is in good fi-nancial circumstances and a decision of the Kansas courts will be sought to ascertain if saloon property is en-titled to the protection of the law.

Indersed by Kansas Delegation.

The Kansas delegation in congress has unanimously indersed Capt. Colin Ball, of Sedan, late of the Twentieth Kansas, for a first lieutenancy in the

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The land of England is valued at £ 600.000,000 and the houses at £200,-000,000.

There are now 33 cities in Germany with over 100,000 inhabitants each. Five-Mannheim, Essen, Posen, Kiel and Kassel, have been added to the list since 1895.

The cholera repeatedly during the last century visited London and Paris, but at no time was there a death from that disease among the operatives of the perfume factories.

The elaborate plans that have been prepared for the extensive new sewage system for Havana are wholly dependent on electric pumps directly connected to electric motors for their

Sirce the loan of \$5,000,000 and the sale of guns to the Persian government by Russia, the Persian army is being reorganized under Russian instructors, who are now urging a considerable increase to its numbers. All the princes of the Caucasus claim

direct descent from King David, according to the Vienna News Freie Presse, and some of them base their descent from Noah or the landing of the ark on Ararat, which is near by. A story comes from Lincolnshire, England, of an old woman in her nine ty-first year who acts as parish clerk, attending all weddings, christenings and funerals, keeps the church in order, substitutes for church warden in taking the collection when that official is absent, and has even acted as organ-blower and bell-ringer on occa-

The system of rating on the unim-proved land values seems to be growing in favor with the local authorities of New Zealand. Hitherto the land and improvements have been equally liable to be taxed for local purposes but a recent act of parliament made it optional with boroughs whether they would continue the old system or adopt the method of taxing the unimproved values only.

HARNESSING NIAGARA

Miss Gertrude M. Bacon describes in

Wonderful Machinery Employed in the Transmission of the Power of the Falls.

Cassell's Magazine the arrangement by which power is transmitted from the falls at Niagara: About a mile from the falls, on the outskirts of the little town, stands a handsome gray stone building known locally as the power house—the headquarters of the Niagara Falls Power company. Waiting on its threshold the suggestion arises of being at the entrance of a gigantic hive, for from within there issues a dull and ceaseless hum as of bees in swarming time or when the bloom is on the limes. Entering, this noise is found to proceed from sundry members of the noble brotherhood of sent a horse power of 5,000 each, or a grand total of 50,000 between them Some half of these are at present in motion, their field magnets spinning round at a terrific speed, 250 revolutions in a minute. If a fly could con-trive, which is inconceivable, to take its stand on this whirring periphery he would be traveling at the rate of two miles every 60 seconds. The outcome of all this tremendous mass of machinery is a current of 11,000 volts. transmitted, the most of it, along cables, to the town of Buffalo, 20 miles off, there to light houses, work factories, and drive street cars with a tiny fraction of the force of the grea falls so far away. The transmission of S. L. Bender, a prominent farmer its energy to such a distance is one near Sedgwick, was cutting hedge of the most remarkable features of rent at such high "voltage" or electric tension could send its power, without enormous loss, along the 30 miles of cable that connects the Niagara power house with its outlying customers. And now as to how this wonder is achieved, and how Niagara has been harnessed to such utilitarian labors without, be it noted, showing any visible trace of machinery upon its face; for it was an all-important part of the original contract with the electrical company that its works should in no wise disfigure or interfere with the scenic effects of the falls. Just behind the power house the visitor may see the end of a small canal, 500 feet wide by 13 feet deep, dug from here to a point on the Nisgara river some 500 yards distant, which is 1% miles above the falls. By means of this canal a very small portion of the water that would otherwise go over the cataract-far too small a quantity to make any percepti-ble difference—is diverted from its course and brought to the doors of the electric station to be employed to best advantage therein. The current in this slow-flowing canal is, naturally, quite inconsiderable and incapable of performing any serious mechanical feat, but the potential energy of the water consists in the fact that it is accumulating unceasingly, moment by moment, at a height of 160 feet above the level of the river beneath. The force it would otherwise waste in seeking that level over the falls in the or-dinary course it is here obliged to turn to useful account, before it is allowed to rejoin the Niagara river and aid in its wild race along the rapids towards the quiet shores of Lake Ontario.

> Died Too Soon. Dr. Johnson-Yes, Miss Honeysuckle,

cured when he died."-Judge.

I come purty neah curin' pooh ole Mis-tah Blackman. If he'd held out two daya longah I'd had him cured, suah. Miss Honeysuckle-Why, he died of consumption. Awful disease to cuah. "Dat's true 'nough, but I was doctah ing him for rheumatics, an' had 'em al-

The Secret Service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters, and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so eleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators, but few equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. Always go to reliable druggists who have the reputation of giving what you ask for.

Just to Remind Her.

It was not one of those lovers' quarrels which are got for the sake of enjoying the sweets of "making it up aga"n," but a real, genuine affair in which ooth parties feit thoroughly aggrieved. They parted in anger, and next day the lady wrote him the following note: "Herewith I return all your presents, with the exception of the dismondring, which I shall keep to remind me of your meanness and horeid conduct altogether!"—Tit-Bits.

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Nonsense.

"What nonsense!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton as he tossed aside the heart-to-heart talks page. "What utter nonsense!"
"To what are you referring?" inquired his

wife. "To the assertion that a woman need not expect a man to pay her as much attention after they are married as he paid her before. I am absolutely sure, Henrietta, that I mind quicker now than I ever did."—Washington Star.

Avoiding the Rush. Politician-Tell me the best way to get out

Friend—Turn prohibitionist.
Friend—Turn prohibitionist.
"Oh, that's too sudden; I want to get out gradually."—The Smart Set.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Not a Bargain.

"Mr. Perkins, I rather dislike to take your Int. Perkins, I rather distinct take your last daughter away from you."

"Oh, that's all right; she is the last one, but I don't intend to let her go one cent cheaper than the others. What salary do you get!"—Detroit Free Press.

Not That.—Dr. Kure—"I fear, sir, that you have been living too high." Jauudice—"It can't be that, "cctor; you know we've moved out of that eight-story flat."—Ohio State Journal.

Sweat and fruit acids will not discolor goods dyed with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. Sold by all druggists. Husband—"What makes you stand all this nonsense and impudence from the cook?" Wife—"She does."—Philadelphia Record.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minnespolis, Minn.. Jan. 6, 1900.

He who will not listen to the teachings of failure shall never hear the vo us of success-Ram's Horn.

Ladies who take pride in clear, white clothes should use Red Cross Ball Blue. Re-fuse imitations. A conceited man cannot possibly give anybody else any credit for having any sense. —Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

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Love can make us friends as well as angels Kingsley.

You cannot be cheerful if you have dyspepsia. You won't have dyspepsia if you chew White's "Yucatan." Youth is a manuscript without the blue pencil marks.—Puck.

"Tis a kind of deed to say well, and yet

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